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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum – Data Quality Management Control Program, Revised Reporting Documents

This memorandum revises Enclosure 1 (Data Quality Management Control (DQMC) Review List) and Enclosure 2 (DQMC Commander's Data Quality Statement) of DoDI 6040.40 (Military Health System Data Quality Management Control Procedures) dated 26 November 2002. These important documents are the basis for the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Report Format submitted to you monthly from your MTFs. The changes recommended in this memorandum will be incorporated into the DoDI through reissuance process at a later date; changes to the enclosures are authorized in the DoDI.

The DQMC Workgroup which includes both Surgeon General Staff and TMA representation, has recommended changes to the Review List and Commander's Data Quality Statement to enhance their usefulness as reporting and management tools. These changes provide further explanation and clarification of specific questions and include new questions on Ambulatory Procedure Visit (APV) coding accuracy and Industry-Based Workload Alignment (IBWA) inpatient Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SADR) completion. The revised DQMC documents should be used beginning with the December 2004 Reporting Period (October 2004 Data Month). These documents can be viewed at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ebc/rm_home/fa_data_quality_management_control.cfm paragraphs "B" and "C" (DQMC Web Site).

Thank you once again for your staff's cooperation in making improvements to the DQMC Program and our corporate information infrastructure.


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